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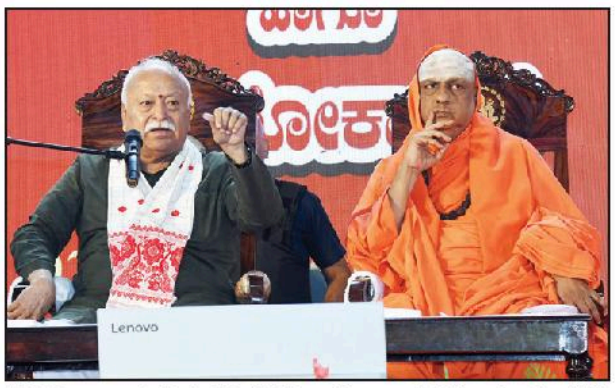
Dr. Mohan Bhagwat in city

'Bharatiya concepts of oneness & dharma sustain harmony'

Delivers 15th Golden Jubilee Lecture of JSS Mahavidyapeetha at Suttur Mutt



RSS Sarsanghchalak Dr. Mohan Bhagwat delivering the 15th Golden Jubilee Special Lecture of JSS Mahavidyapeetha at Suttur Mutt in city this morning as Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji looks on.

Mysuru, May 7 (BLU&BCT)- RSS Sarsanghchalak Dr. Mohan Bhagwat stressed the need for social harmony and collective welfare, stating that Bharatiya society is founded on cooperation and coordination rather than competition. "All is one. Realising this truth brings lasting happiness, but it also creates responsibility. If all are one, then everyone's welfare is interconnected," he said.

Dr. Bhagwat was delivering the 15th Golden Jubilee Special Lecture of JSS Mahavidyapeetha on the topic 'Social Harmony as a Catalyst of National Development' at Suttur Mutt, at the foot of Chamundi Hill here this morning. Before the lecture, he released the 14th Special Lecture book titled 'Atmano Mokshartham Jagat Hitaya Cha' authored by Sadguru Sri Madhusudan Sai. Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graced the programme.

Contrast between West and India

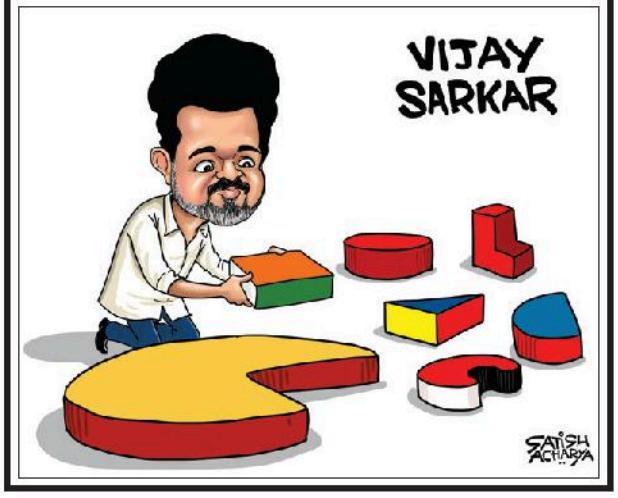
In his address, Dr. Bhagwat contrasted Western and Bharatiya social thought. He said Western society is largely based on the idea of a 'social contract,' where people come together only for mutual benefit.

"In the Western concept of 'survival of the fittest,' the strong survive at the cost of others. But in Bharatiya society, the fit help others survive. Even poor and illiterate people here reflect this spirit in daily life," he observed.

He said Bharatiya society is not merely a congregation of people or a lineage, but a community shaped over centuries through shared experiences, common surroundings and a sense of oneness.

(See DR. MOHAN BHAGWAT on page 6)

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya



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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 7th May 2026

Mysuru Sitar Sambhrama on May 9

Mysuru, May 7 (VNS) - City's Kala Samvahana Trust will be hosting Mysuru Sitar Sambhrama-2026 at Kalamandira on May 9 at 5 pm. The event will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa will preside. Chinmaya Mission's Swami Krutatmananda will grace the occasion.

Legendary Singer-Composer H.R. Leelavathi and Art Patron Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy will be the chief guests. Vocalist *Padma Shri* Pt. Venkatesh Kumar, Department of Kannada and Culture Joint Director V. N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Kala Samvahana Trust President Rajeshwari Vastrad and acclaimed Sitarist Dr. Mohasin Khan will be present.

The event will feature vocal recital by Pt. Venkatesh Kumar followed by a grand sitar ensemble by Sitar Sinchana, Mysuru, sitar recital by Ustad Mohasin Khan. The artistes will be accompanied by Ustad Nisar Ahmed, Pt. Keshav Joshi and Charudath Maharaj on tabla, Pt. Veerabhadraiah Hiremath on harmonium, Pt. Chinmay Namannavar on violin, Rudresh Bhajantri on shehnai, Manu Rao on keyboard and Sujayeendra Rao on rhythm pad.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Moral values are the foundation of human character and social harmony and they are emphasised across all major religious traditions. Whether in Hinduism, Islam, Christianity, Sikhism, Jainism or Buddhism, moral teachings guide individuals towards a life of righteousness, compassion and responsibility.

In Hinduism, moral values are guided by the concept of dharma, which refers to duty, righteousness and moral order. The idea of karma teaches that every action has consequences, encouraging individuals to act ethically. Values such as respect for elders, non-violence (ahimsa), and truth (satya) are fundamental, promoting both personal discipline and social harmony.

In Islam, moral values are deeply rooted in the teachings of Quran and sayings of Prophet Muhammad. The Prophet said that the best among people are those with the best character.

Christianity also places strong emphasis on moral values through the teachings of Jesus Christ. The Ten Commandments provide clear moral guidelines, including honesty, respect for others and devotion to God.

Similarly, Buddhism promotes moral values through principles such as the Dhammapada and the teachings of Gautam Buddha; Jainism's moral teachings are built on strict non-violence, truth and non-attachment. Sikhism's moral teachings emphasise truthful living, devotion to one God and service to mankind. Across these traditions, a common thread emerges: moral values are essential for both individual growth and social well-being. They guide behaviour, strengthen relationships and create a sense of accountability. Despite differences in rituals and beliefs, all religious orders emphasise honesty, compassion, justice and self-discipline.

Moral values are often shaped by a combination of social norms, cultural traditions, personal experiences and upbringing. They guide individuals on how to act rightly and ethically in society and help individuals to become good citizens. Moral values promote resilience against negative peer pressure, enhance academic focus among students through discipline and build essential skills like empathy and responsibility, leading to responsible citizenship and long-term success.

Moral values are universal principles that transcend cultural and religious boundaries. By following these values, individuals can lead meaningful lives and contribute to a more just, peaceful and harmonious world.

—Nazeer Ahmed Kazi in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Roundabout connected to nothing

Budapest: Hungary's now-famous roundabout looks like an infrastructural anomaly. Looking at it from above, it seems like someone or something dropped it in the middle of a field and just forgot about it, but the truth is that it is the result of failed government promises.

When it was first announced, in 2021, the roundabout between Zalaegerszeg and Zalaszentiván made perfect sense. By 2023, the roundabout had been built with approximately 1.25 million euros in EU non-refundable funds.

The only problem was that the work on the container terminal hadn't even begun. Fast forward three years, and we are in the exact same situation. No work has been done on the logistics centre, so the roundabout is just sitting there, waiting to connect to something.

Plea to return ice-cream cone mascot

Boston: The co-owner of a bakery is offering baked goods as a reward for the safe return of the eatery's "mascot," a large plastic ice cream cone named Swirly.

Swirly, a fixture outside of Flour Bakery on the Boston Common, was initially feared to have blown away during the winter, but co-owner Joanne Chang said she now has good reason to believe the mascot is still nearby.

"He was possibly spotted in a nearby dorm window looking down longingly at home and we have reason to believe he may be confused about where he is," Chang posted on social media. She said all the bakery wants is Swirly's safe return. "To anyone who is temporarily sheltering him: thank you for protecting him this winter, please return him safely, no questions asked, in exchange for baked goods and our eternal gratitude," Chang wrote.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Medication Adherence Matters

Do not skip or alter heart medications due to heat or travel. Consult your doctor before making any changes.

By Dr. C. B. Keshavamurthy - Senior Consultant – Interventional Cardiology - Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru

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Brahma Rathotsava and Silver Jubilee at Gokulam Krishna Temple

Mysuru, May 7- Sri Krishna Seva Samithi Charitable Trust and Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, Gokulam, have organised 35th year Brahma Rathotsava of Sri Krishna Temple and Silver Jubilee of Sri Krishna Gana Sabha on May 10 at 6 pm at Alwar Kala Bhavan in city.

On the occasion, a grand solo dance *Kshaatra Draupadi - A Tale of the Warrior Princess* will be presented by noted danseuse Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy in memory of late Janaki Alwar.

This will be followed by Sri Krishna Gana Sabha Life-Time Achievement Award presentation to Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy

MLA T.S. Srivatsa will be the chief guest. Art Patron Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy will be the guest of honour. Trust President B.S. Sridhara Raj Urs will preside, according to a press release from J. Mahesh, Secretary.

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REALLY...?

- ***Queen Victoria was born on 24 May 1819 in Kensington Palace in London, England. Her full name was Alexandrina Victoria.***
- ***Queen Victoria ruled for nearly 64 years (1837-1901), marrying her first cousin Prince Albert and having nine children. She was the first monarch to be photographed.***
- ***Statue of Liberty was originally supposed to be located in Suez Canal.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Husband came home drunk. To avoid wife's scolding, he took a laptop and started working.

Wife: *Did you drink?*

Husband: *No.*

Wife: *Idiot, then why are you typing on suitcase !!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 94.83
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 128.92
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 25.82
1 Euro	= Rs. 111.44

VOICE OF THE READER

Poor maintenance of trains from Mysuru

Sir,

I am writing this while travelling on the Bhagmathi Express, which departs from Mysuru every Friday.

Trains originating from Mysuru are usually clean and well-maintained. I often carry food from home and eat during the journey without any concern. However, today's experience has been deeply unpleasant.

Throughout the three-hour journey, there has been a strong stench from the toilets, spreading across most of the train. I moved between compartments to check, but the smell persisted, except perhaps in the AC coaches.

By the end of the journey, I felt nauseated and did not even dare to use the toilets.

What makes this more disappointing is that it brings back memories of how poor cleanliness in trains and stations used to be a decade ago.

I urge the Mysuru Division railway authorities to look into the issue, conduct an inquiry and take corrective measures.

I also appeal to the Mysuru MP to raise this concern with the Railways and ensure that proper standards of cleanliness are maintained in trains.

—H. Somashekar
Mysuru
1.5.2026

Tanvika 2.0 launched at Malabar Gold & Diamonds

Mysuru, May 7- The new collection Tanvika 2.0 was launched at Malabar Gold and Diamonds, a prestigious jewellery house in Mysuru recently.

The grand unveiling ceremony was held in the presence of special customers and models — Dr. Siri, Dr. Nilina James, Sanjana and Sahana — Malabar Gold Deputy Store Head R.K. Dayananda and Malabar Gold and Diamonds staff.

'Tanvika' is a unique jewellery collection inspired by divinity. The theme of this collection revolves around Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth, prosperity and fortune. Each piece of jewellery beautifully merges craftsmanship with temple architecture-inspired designs, symbolising tradition and devotion.

Malabar Gold and Diamonds has long understood the importance of bridal jewellery in India's rich cultural heritage. The bridal range is a collection of designs created and developed by Malabar, ensuring that the traditions of every bride are honoured with purity, purpose and craftsmanship.

With deep expertise in bridal craftsmanship, Malabar maintains an unparalleled legacy of creating designs that honour the diverse traditions of brides.

Tanvika Collection brings together beautiful designs and timeless art. Each piece showcases pure elegance, deep cultural meaning, sacred traditions and is made with electroforming and direct casting — new technologies for lightweight products, combined with skilled craftsmen using traditional methods passed down through generations, ensuring perfection.

These jewels are a stunning example of the country's remarkable craftsmanship and artistic talent.

Continuing its tradition of delivering value, trust and excellence to its customers, Malabar Gold and Diamonds is offering special deals designed to make the grand showroom opening a memorable one.

These offers provide customers with an opportunity to invest in jewellery by combining craftsmanship with value.

Sri Shivayogi Siddarameshwara Jayanti in city

CM Siddaramaiah presents 'Kayaka Yogi Siddarameshwara Award'

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah presenting 'Kayaka Yogi Siddarameshwara Award' to writer Prof. S.G. Siddaramaiah during Sri Shivayogi Siddarameshwara Jayanti celebrations at Kalamandira in city yesterday as Sri Immadi Siddarameshwara Swamiji of Bhovi Gurupeeth, Kannada and Culture Minister Shivaraj Tangadagi, MLA K. Harishgowda, MLCs Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah and Dr. D. Thimmaiah, Kannada & Culture Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan and others look on.

Mysuru, May 7 (MK&BS)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has asserted that the State Government is committed to ensure social justice to all, in sync with the principles envisaged by Shivayogi Sri Siddarameshwara, who was a strong votary of equal distribution of wealth and power among all.

He was addressing the gathering after inaugurating Sri Shivayogi Siddarameshwara Jayanti, organised by the District Administration in association with Kannada and Culture Department, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and Sri Shivayogi Siddarameshwara Jayantotsava Samiti, at Kalamandira in the city yesterday.

Saying that 'one should not lead a life without doing any work,' he advised people to contribute towards productivity and equally share the earnings, as propagated by Siddarameshwara. "Until the egalitarian society is not built, the demands of oppressed classes shall remain.

To address the inadequacy, the Government implemented five guarantee schemes for the welfare of seven crore population of the State and is reaching the benefits to the people without any discrimination," he added.

Regretting that caste system cannot be eradicated easily, Siddaramaiah recalled the popular vachana of 12th century social reformer Basavanna — *'Ivanarava Ivanarava Ivanaravanendenisidayya, iva nammava, iva nammava, iva nammavanendenisayya'*. It is 800 years since this vachana was penned; has the caste system been eradicated in the society? asked CM Siddaramaiah, who gave a call for practicing scientific temperament to provide equal opportunity to those deprived of opportunities.

Sri Immadi Siddarameshwara Swamii of Bhovi Gurupeeth appealed to CM to accord permission to Bhovi community for mining, their hereditary occupation of breaking the boulders.

Kayaka Yogi Siddarameshwara Award for 2025-26 was conferred on writer Prof. S.G. Siddaramaiah, a native of Tumakuru. The book 'Siddarama Belli Kirana' authored by M. Ramappa, Chairman of Karnataka State Bhovi Development Corporation, was released.

Earlier, a procession of cultural troupes was taken out from Kote Anjaneyaswamy temple to Kalamandira via K.R. Circle and Devaraj Urs Road.

Minister for Sericulture K. Venkatesh, MLA Anil Chikkamadu, Kannada Book Authority Chairman Manasa, Karnataka Exhibition Authority Chairman Ayub Khan, Mysore Paints and Varnish Chairman H.D. Ganesh, Zoo Authority of Karnataka Chairman S. Rangaswamy, Kannada and Culture Secretary J. Manjunath, Director Manjunath Swamy, Regional Commissioner Nitesh Patil, Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, Additional DC Aishwarya and others were present.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Discourse

Swami Chidrupananda Saraswati of Chinmaya Mission will deliver a 4-day discourse on the messages of Swami Ramana Maharshi at No. 4944, 8th Main Road, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage in the city, from May 7 to 10 at 6.30 pm on all the days. For details, contact Mob: 77608-31984, according to a press release.

Appointed

S. Guruswamy

S. Guruswamy, Mysuru Division President of National Anti Corruption & Operation Committee of India (NACOCI), has been promoted and appointed as the State President of Karnataka NACOCI for the year 2026-27, until further orders. K. Prabhakar, present President of Karnataka NACOCI, has been promoted as Hon. President with immediate effect as per the T&C Rule No. 19 & 20 of NACOCI Organisation and on verification and evaluation of the Annual Report of State of Karnataka, National Anti Corruption & Operation Committee of India, under Rule 22.

Ayurveda camp

JSS Ayurveda Hospital, Lalithadripura Road, Alanahalli in the city, is conducting a 3-week 'Diabetic Foot Ulcers' camp at its premises from May 7 to 30. Patients suffering from chronic wounds and non-healing ulcers in foot with uncontrolled diabetes, may avail benefits of the camp which will be held from 9 am to 5 pm on all working days. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2548231 or Mob: 96202-07535.

Matrimonial meet

Sapthapadi Foundation Trust, Mysuru, in association with Akhila Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha, Mangalasootra Foundation and a host of Brahmin associations, has organised a 2-day State-level matrimonial meet of Brahmin brides and bridegrooms, at Gayatri Bhavan in Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru, on May 9 and 10. For registration, contact Mob: 94494-25536 or 80888-43300.

Short-term course

The Government Tool Room and Training Centre (GTTC), located in Belagola Industrial Area, off KRS Road in city, has invited applications from eligible SSLC passed /failed students for admission to one-year course in Tool Room Machining. The course involves both Theoretical and Practical curriculum. Last date for applying is May 15. For details, contact Mob: 99454-42654 or 90192-32390 or Ph: 08212-582097.

Fake chef job offer in UK: Homemaker loses Rs. 37 lakh

Mysuru, May 7 (GA&BCT)- A homemaker in Mysuru city searching for overseas employment opportunities for her husband has lost Rs. 37.35 lakh in an elaborate online job scam. A case has been registered at the City Cyber, Economic and Narcotics (CEN) Police Station.

According to the complaint, the woman's husband had been working in England but returned to India in August 2025 due to health issues. Since November 2025, she had been searching online for job openings abroad on his behalf.

During her search, she came across an Instagram advertisement claiming that the Central Park Hotel in the United Kingdom (UK) had a vacancy for a chef. Believing the offer to be genuine, she contacted the WhatsApp number mentioned in the advertisement.

She was later directed to another person identified as Om Prakash, who asked her to send her husband's biodata along with a registration fee of Rs. 24,999. Trusting the process, she transferred the amount.

Repeated payments

The fraud escalated further on Dec. 4, 2025, when she was asked to pay Rs. 1.86 lakh towards visa processing charges. Soon afterwards, the conmen sent fraudulent e-mails, from the British High Commission and the hotel's HR department, demanding Rs. 7.5 lakh for insurance purposes. Believing the documents and e-mails to be authentic, she transferred the money using her husband's and a relative's bank accounts. Whenever she raised doubts about the recruitment process, the fraudsters reportedly reassured her, saying, "Do not worry, we are with you."

Fraudulent claims

Later, she was told to open a bank account in the UK to obtain a sponsorship certificate and a biometric residence permit. In multiple instalments, she transferred another Rs. 26 lakh for the process.

The accused then demanded an additional Rs. 4.5 lakh for an examination. When she refused, Om Prakash told her that he would personally travel to India with the money to help her clear the process.

On Apr. 27, 2026, he contacted her again, claiming he had arrived at the New Delhi Airport but had been detained by Customs Department officials. He sought Rs. 95,000 to resolve the issue, and she paid it. However, when he later demanded another Rs. 1.8 lakh, she was unable to arrange the money.

It was only after discussing the matter with her relatives that she realised she had been cheated. She immediately contacted the national cybercrime helpline 1930 and later filed a formal complaint with the CEN Police Station.

Mysuru rowdy-sheeter murdered in Srirangapatna

- **Suspected to be murdered elsewhere, body dumped behind hotel in Srirangapatna**
- **Police express doubts on his accomplices**

Sahil Alam

Srirangapatna, May 7 (KS) - A rowdy-sheeter from Mysuru has been brutally hacked to death and his body was found behind Hallimane Hotel on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway in the taluk yesterday.

The deceased is Sahil Alam alias Chuvva (38), a resident of Mandi Mohalla in Mysuru. Sahil was absconding and had been hoodwinking Police since four to five years.

Police said that Sahil was involved in real estate business and was residing in Bengaluru but used to come to Mysuru, Mandya and Srirangapatna now and then.

Details: On Tuesday late night, miscreants, who had hacked Sahil to death somewhere else, had dumped his body among a bush behind Hallimane Hotel on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway.

Police said that the victim was chased and brutally assaulted with lethal weapons on his hands, legs, stomach, head and other parts of the body and added that they had information about Sahil moving around in Mysuru and Mandya regions during night since a month. They have suspected that his accomplices may have committed the crime following old enmity.

There are many cases registered against Sahil in Udayagiri, NR, Mandi and V.V. Puram Police Stations in Mysuru and at Tumakuru Police Station and was wanted by Police in over 15 cases.

Mandya SP Dr. V.J. Shobha Rani, Additional SP Thimmaiah, Dy.SP Krishnakumar, Srirangapatna Town Circle Inspector Kumar, SIs Vivekananda and Anand, visited the spot, conducted mahazar and shifted the body to a hospital.

Srirangapatna Rural Police, who have registered a case, have launched a hunt to nab the killers.

Group clash in Rajya Rani Express near Maddur

Railway Gateman among two stabbed; passengers, villagers thrash fleeing miscreants, hand them over to Police

Kumar

Maddur, May 7 (KS) - A group of people travelling in Rajya Rani Express from Mysuru began to fight inside the train all of a sudden causing tensed moments yesterday.

The group allegedly stabbed two persons, who tried to stop the fight, with a knife and attempted to escape from the train but were caught, thrashed and handed over to the Police by the passengers and villagers.

The incident took place between H.V. Nagar and Channegowdanakoppal near Maddur and those who were stabbed and sustained injuries have been identified as Shivakumar and Railway Gateman Kumar. They were given first-aid at Maddur Railway Hospital and Maddur Government Hospital respectively and admitted to MIMS Hospital in Mandya.

It is said that a group of youths boarded Bengaluru-bound Rajya Rani Express in Mysuru Station. As soon as the train departed from Mysuru Railway Station, the youths began to move inside the coach continuously by shouting and creating ruckus.

After a few minutes, the youths began to fight over tickets leading to clashes among them. Shivakumar, a passenger, who saw the group fighting, intervened to stop the fight, but the youths, who got angry, abused him using foul language and stabbed Shivakumar multiple times.

Shocked Shivakumar somehow managed to pull the chain to stop the train. But as soon as the train stopped, the youths tried to get down from the train and flee.

Meanwhile, Gateman Kumar entered the coach to find out who had pulled the chain. But the youths pushed and stabbed him while attempting to flee from the train.

Fed up with the youths, the passengers attempted to catch the youths. Villagers, who had gathered outside the train, saw the youths fleeing and chased them. But the youths brandished knives and threatened the villagers.

Irked over the youths threatening them with knives, the villagers chased the youths, caught them and beat them black and blue before handing them over to the Police. The youths, who were caught, have been identified as Muskan Qureshi, Shubhav Qureshi, Saheb Khan, Waseem and Sujatha. The accused were provided medical treatment at a local hospital and Maddur Railway Police have registered a case.

Meanwhile, passengers have expressed safety concerns in the train and questioned about lack of security as such incidents have become common of late.

Neutralising... Viper Venom

Mysuru researchers offer hope against deadly tissue damage from viper bites, preventing amputations

Prof. Kesturu S. Girish (left) and Prof. K. Kemparaju explaining about their research.

Snakebite continues to claim numerous lives in India, with most cases attributed to four species — the cobra, krait, Russell's viper and saw-scaled viper, collectively known as the 'Big Four.'

At present, the only available treatment is Polyvalent Antivenin Therapy, which uses antibodies raised against the venom of these four snakes. However, there is still no effective therapy to treat or prevent the severe tissue damage and skin decay caused particularly by viper bites.

In a significant breakthrough, Prof. K. Kemparaju, Senior Professor at the Department of Studies in Biochemistry, University of Mysore and Prof. Kesturu S. Girish, Professor at the Department of Studies in Biochemistry, Tumkur University, have identified key mechanisms behind venom-induced tissue damage and explored ways to counter it.

Their research offers promising possibilities in addressing one of the most challenging aspects of snakebite treatment and has the potential to save thousands of lives, not only in India but globally.

Star of Mysore spoke to Prof. Kemparaju and his mentee Prof. Girish, who were recently honoured in city with the prestigious Bhramara Award for Research Helping Humanity, instituted by the Bhramara Trust of Y.T. and Madhuri Thathachari, Mysuru. Excerpts:

By S. Kenneth Shishir

Star of Mysore (SOM): What are the effects of a viper bite?

Prof. Kemparaju & Prof. Girish: A viper bite causes severe tissue damage at the site of the bite and the extent of this damage varies from person to person. At present, there is no specific medicine or therapy to treat this tissue decay. In many cases, the only option left is amputation.

SOM: Can you briefly explain your research and findings?

Prof. Kemparaju & Prof. Girish: Our research shows that conventional anti-venom often fails to reach the site of tissue damage because of blockages in blood vessels. We then studied how the immune system responds to viper venom, particularly the role of white blood cells.

We observed that certain cells, called macrophages, contribute to tissue damage. While studying further, we identified another type of white blood cell known as neutrophils. These cells fight microbes by releasing a web-like structure made of their own DNA, known as Neutrophil Extracellular Traps (NETs).

These NETs trap venom toxins but also block blood vessels and attack tissues at the bite site. As a result, the affected tissues are deprived of oxygen and begin to die. In our experiments on rodents with lower levels of neutrophils, we found that tissue damage was significantly reduced.

SOM: How do NETs function in this context?

Prof. Kemparaju & Prof. Girish: NETs are part of the body's natural defence system and are known to immobilise and kill pathogens. However, they can also cause collateral damage due to their toxic components.

A Russell's Viper among a bush.

In the case of a viper bite, NETs trap and concentrate venom toxins at the site of the bite. This accelerates tissue destruction. While these structures are meant to kill harmful microbes, they end up attacking the body's own tissues, leading to severe local damage, necrosis and what is often described as "skin rot," which can eventually require amputation.

SOM: How effective is your approach?

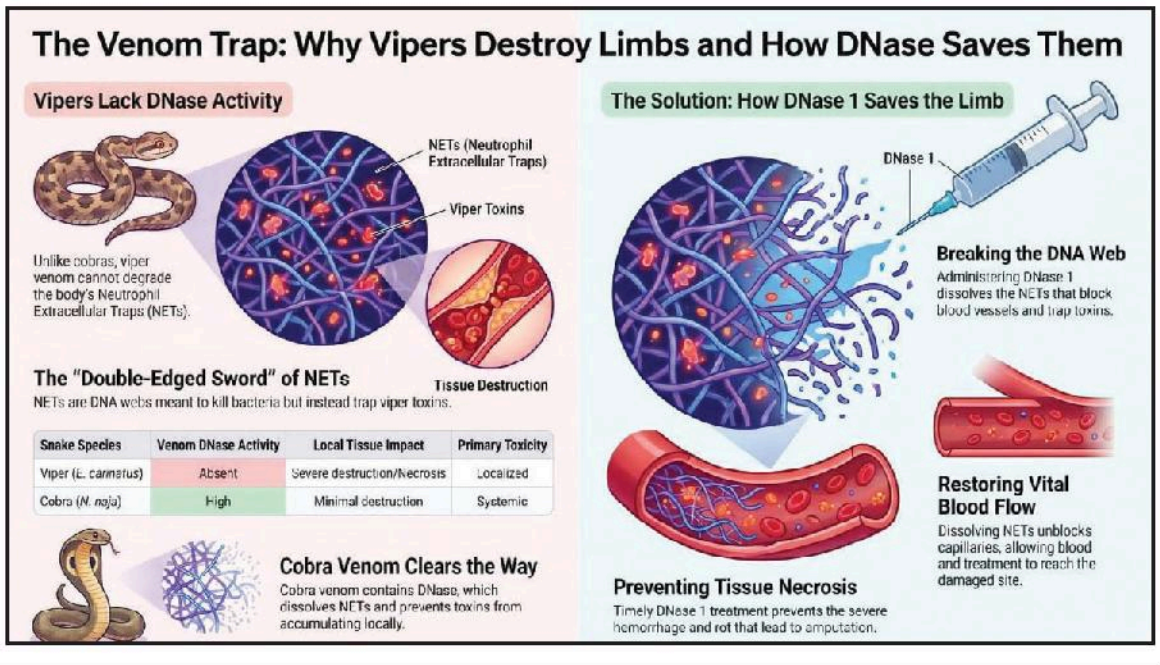
Prof. Kemparaju & Prof. Girish: In our experiments on mice, we found that administering Deoxyribonuclease (DNase1) helps break down these DNA webs. This prevents severe tissue damage and reduces the risk of limb loss.

This approach could be a major breakthrough, as it may reduce dependence on high doses of anti-venom and help prevent amputations.

SOM: Does venom potency vary across regions and how effective is anti-venom?

Prof. Kemparaju & Prof. Girish: Yes, venom potency varies from region to region. For instance, the potency of viper venom in Karnataka is different from that in Kerala.

Currently, a universal anti-venom is used across regions. However, there is a growing need to develop region-specific anti-venoms to improve effectiveness ▪


The Venom Trap: Why Vipers Destroy Limbs and How DNase Saves Them
Vipers Lack DNase Activity
NETs (Neutrophil Extracellular Traps)
Viper Toxins
Unlike cobras, viper venom cannot degrade the body's Neutrophil Extracellular Traps (NETs).
The "Double-Edged Sword" of NETs
NETs are DNA webs meant to kill bacteria but instead trap viper toxins.
Tissue Destruction
Snake Species | Venom DNase Activity | Local Tissue Impact | Primary Toxicity
Viper (E. carinatus) | Absent | Severe destruction/Necrosis | Localized
Cobra (N. naja) | High | Minimal destruction | Systemic
Cobra Venom Clears the Way
Cobra venom contains DNase, which dissolves NETs and prevents toxins from accumulating locally.
The Solution: How DNase 1 Saves the Limb
DNase 1
Breaking the DNA Web
Administering DNase 1 dissolves the NETs that block blood vessels and trap toxins.
Restoring Vital Blood Flow
Dissolving NETs unblocks capillaries, allowing blood and treatment to reach the damaged site.
Preventing Tissue Necrosis
Timely DNase 1 treatment prevents the severe hemorrhage and rot that lead to amputation.

Dr. Mohan Bhagwat in city

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Speaking on the idea of nationhood, Dr. Bhagwat said Western nations are defined by the State, Government and political boundaries, whereas in Bharat, the land itself forms the basis of national identity.

"The land provided prosperity, natural protection through mountains and seas, and an atmosphere of peace. This stability enabled people to turn inward in search of knowledge and spiritual wisdom," he noted.

Compassion and Dharma

On Dharma, he said it is not limited to contractual justice, but is a principle that sustains harmony and happiness for all. "Compassion is central to Dharma. Mercy implies superiority, but compassion arises from the feeling of oneness," he said.

Dr. Bhagwat further said true development cannot be measured only in terms of material prosperity. "Development must include the growth of body, mind, intellect and atma. Consumerism should be restrained, resources must be shared and society should reflect unity for democracy to succeed. Untouchability and discrimination have no place, as they go against the truth of oneness," he said.

Calling for practical efforts towards social harmony, he urged people to remove feelings of inequality from their minds and foster relationships across caste, language and religious barriers.

In his address, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji recalled the long-standing association between RSS and Suttur Mutt. "Hindu Dharma is a guiding light for peace and prosperity in world. It is flexible and accommodating and its principles can help humanity coexist peacefully," he said.

JSS AHER Pro-Chancellor Dr. B. Suresh welcomed. K.G. Vinutha, M. Amulya, Purushotham and S. Nagaraj rendered invocation. Chief Executive of JSS Law College Prof. Suresh proposed the vote of thanks.

'Hindu Dharma exists only as political construct'

Claims veteran writer Prof. S.G. Siddaramaiah

Prof. S.G. Siddaramaiah addressing the gathering after receiving 'Kayaka Yogi Siddarameshwara Award' from Chief Minister Siddaramaiah during Sri Shivayogi Siddarameshwara Jayanti celebrations at Kalamandira in city yesterday. *[See also page 3]*

Mysuru, May 7 (MK&BCT)- Veteran writer Prof. S.G. Siddaramaiah sparked controversy by claiming that what is today referred to as Hindu Dharma exists more as a political construct than as a true religion in the country.

Speaking after receiving 'Kayaka Yogi Siddarameshwara Award' at Kalamandira in city yesterday, Prof. Siddaramaiah argued that the 'Chaturvarna' system, rooted in the Vedic order, has in recent times been equated with Hindu Dharma. He pointed out that the term 'Hindu' itself emerged during the medieval period and is now being projected for political purposes.

"Hindu Dharma is being used only for politics. In reality, there is no such religion in this country," he said. Explaining further, he stated that the inequalities embedded within the 'Chaturvarna' system, such as superior and inferior, higher and lower, could never be eradicated through Hindu Dharma.

According to him, this led to the emergence of alternative traditions such as Jainism, Buddhism and Sikhism, which offered different ways of life without directly confronting the Vedic order. "The only faith that challenged the Vedic system head-on was Lingayat Dharma or Sharana Dharma," he asserted.

Prof. Siddaramaiah said the Sharanas rejected the authority of the Vedas, Agamas, Puranas, Shruti and Smriti. "Lingayat vachanakars outrightly dismissed these texts," he observed.

Expressing concern over recent developments, he said the essence of Sharana movement had gradually been diluted and called for deeper introspection and study to understand where things had gone wrong.

According to him, Sharanas rejected the concept of 'Sanatana' because, though the word literally means eternal, it had come to represent something rigid, lifeless and stagnant in practice.

He further said Sri Shivayogi Siddarameshwara regarded vachanas as the lifeblood of Sharana Dharma and essential for guiding everyday conduct.

"If one asks today, 'Where is Siddarameshwara? Where is Basavanna? The answer lies in those who reject the 'Chaturvarna' system and build an inclusive way of life. They are the true followers of Basavanna," he said.

Social harmony is key to India's progress: RSS Chief

Mysuru, May 7 (BLU&BCT)- "India was conquered not because of external strength, but because of internal divisions. Continued conflicts and divisions could once again put our freedom at risk. Emotional integration and the realisation that 'we are one' are therefore essential," said RSS Chief Dr. Mohan Bhagwat.

He stressed that development must reach the last person in society. "A nation's prosperity is like the health of a body where every cell must remain healthy. Likewise, every section of society must progress for the country to achieve true development," he said. Dr. Bhagwat noted that such progress requires sacrifice, compassion and a willingness to place collective welfare above personal interests.

"Harmony begins with small changes in everyday behaviour, such as speaking without hurting others, acting without excluding anyone and fostering a sense of belonging through simple gestures. From such efforts, fraternity grows and public policies too must reflect these values," he observed. Describing social harmony as a sacred duty, he said it is not merely a catalyst for development, but a prerequisite for the nation's overall progress. "If practised sincerely, India can eliminate discrimination, achieve prosperity and emerge as a model for a troubled world by showing the path to peace," he said.

"The Constitution was framed to eradicate discrimination and inequality. The speeches delivered by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in the Constituent Assembly must be read regularly, as they serve as guiding principles for how Bharatiya society should conduct itself to restore nation's glory," he noted.

After poll success in Odisha, Maharashtra, Bihar, West Bengal…

RSS sets its eyes on Karnataka

Bengaluru, May 7 (KMS&VNS)- With the 2028 Karnataka Assembly elections still two years away, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) has reportedly begun early groundwork aimed at strengthening the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) social base and expanding its outreach across the State.

RSS Sarsanghchalak Dr. Mohan Bhagwat, who has been in Bengaluru for the past five days, is learnt to have held a series of meetings with senior RSS leaders on organisational strategy and preparations for the next Assembly polls.

Sources said brainstorming sessions are underway at Channenahalli on the outskirts of Bengaluru, where top RSS functionaries are discussing ways to expand organisational activities and improve the BJP's electoral prospects in Karnataka.

BJP leaders, however, have reportedly been kept away from the meetings.

Expanding voter base

According to sources, Dr. Bhagwat advised RSS workers to focus on steadily expanding the BJP's vote base instead of concentrating only on elections. Strengthening the party's social acceptance and grassroots outreach, he is believed to have said, would naturally improve its electoral prospects.

The RSS is also said to be keen on shedding the perception that the BJP is largely an upper-caste party. During the discussions, concerns were reportedly raised over what the organisation described as misinformation about inadequate representation for Dalit and marginalised communities within the RSS and BJP.

Sources said Dr. Mohan Bhagwat urged cadres to actively engage with Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and backward communities, particularly in reserved constituencies and counter such perceptions at the grassroots level.

Focus on backward communities

The RSS leadership is also understood to have stressed the need to build stronger ties with backward communities, which form a significant share of Karnataka's population.

According to sources, the organisation believes many backward communities feel politically under-represented despite lacking adequate reservation benefits and independent political influence. RSS leaders are said to have urged cadres to emerge as a voice for these communities and intensify outreach efforts among them.

Sources said the RSS leadership reviewed how outreach to Dalit, backward and Adivasi communities influenced electoral outcomes in these States.

With Karnataka having a large backward community population, besides influential Lingayat and Vokkaliga voters, the RSS is said to be preparing a broader social outreach strategy ahead of the 2028 Assembly polls.

As part of the plan, Karnataka has reportedly been divided into three organisational regions: South, North and Karavali. Senior RSS leader Mukund has been entrusted with overseeing the implementation of the strategy.

Sources added that Na. Thippeswamy, G.S. Umapathy, Raghavendra Kagawada, Rajesh Padmar and Ekka Chandrashekar have been assigned key responsibilities.

Teams of around 60 members are also expected to function in every Assembly Constituency to coordinate with Dalit, backward and Adivasi leaders and regularly report developments to the RSS leadership.

Bird flu threat: Zoo steps up surveillance

Mysuru, May 7 (MTY&BCT)- Amid growing concerns over avian influenza, Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, popularly known as Mysuru Zoo, has drawn up a comprehensive action plan to prevent, control and contain any possible outbreak at the Zoo, Karanji Lake Nature Park and the Chamundi Wild Animal Rescue Centre at Koorgalli.

File photo

In a press release issued on May 6, Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) and Zoo Executive Director P. Anusha said strict precautionary and surveillance measures are already in place across all facilities.

As part of the preventive measures, disinfection procedures have been intensified at all entry points. Vehicles entering the zoo premises, including those carrying visitors, staff and food materials, are being routed through disinfectant dips installed at Gate No. 2.

Foot dips have also been placed at staff and visitor entry gates, as well as near animal enclosures, with staff and visitors being educated on their proper use. She said animal keepers have also been instructed to use hand sanitisers before and after handling animals, animal waste and food materials.

The Zoo has strengthened surveillance systems to monitor any signs of avian influenza. Animal keepers have been trained to identify abnormal symptoms in birds and animals, while veterinarians are conducting regular inspections during daily rounds.

At Karanji Lake, personnel have been directed to immediately report any deaths among migratory birds to senior officials and veterinarians.

The Zoo Director said serological surveillance and testing of captive and migratory birds will be carried out based on expert advice. Faecal samples collected from birds at the Zoo and Karanji Lake will be sent to the Regional Disease Diagnostic Laboratory whenever required.

Special precautions have also been introduced in the handling of chicken feed for carnivorous animals. Live fowls brought to the premises are first examined by veterinarians for any signs of disease. The meat is then processed hygienically, including washing with potassium permanganate solution and hot water before being fed to animals.

The zoo stated that if there is any bird flu threat in and around the Mysuru region, processed chicken sourced from reputed firms will be used instead of live fowls to minimise the risk of infection.

She further said that in the event of an outbreak, inter-sectional movement of Zoo personnel would be restricted and staff would not be allowed to visit poultry farms, bird sanctuaries or other zoos until the situation is brought under control.

A Rapid Response Team comprising veterinarians, a lab technician and four animal keepers has also been formed to tackle any emergency situation related to avian influenza.

Govt. revokes suspension of IPS Officer Ramachandra Rao

Bengaluru, May 7 (Agencies)- The State Government yesterday revoked the suspension of senior IPS Officer K. Ramachandra Rao, four months after he was suspended following viral videos allegedly showing him in compromising position inside his office.

Ramachandra Rao

The action against Rao, the then Director General of Police, Civil Rights Enforcement, was initiated after the circulation of clips led to public controversy and prompted calls for detailed inquiry.

Following the controversy, the Government ordered his suspension on Jan. 19, stating that it was necessary to ensure an impartial probe into the allegations and maintain administrative discipline within the Police force.

Subsequently, a Departmental inquiry was initiated on Mar. 18, to examine the circumstances surrounding the allegations, including the authenticity and context of the material that had surfaced.

During this period, the matter remained under internal investigation, with officials maintaining that no final conclusion had been reached on the allegations.

On May 6, the Government revoked his suspension and reinstated him, posting him as Director General of Police (Police Manual) until further orders.

However, officials have clarified that the disciplinary proceedings will continue despite his reinstatement. The case had drawn significant attention in administrative and Policing circles due to the seniority of the officer and the nature of the allegations reported in the media.

Concurrently, Dr. Rao also came into public attention due to his family connection to a high-profile gold smuggling case.

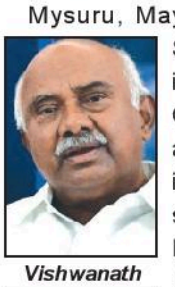
He is the stepfather of Kannada actress Ranya Rao, who has been accused in the alleged illegal import of gold worth over Rs.12.56 crore from Dubai to India along with two others, businessman Tarun Raju and jewellery dealer Sahil Jain.

Ranya Rao was arrested at Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport on Mar. 3, 2025, after authorities seized 14.8 kg gold allegedly smuggled from Dubai.

Officials clarified that the two matters — the Departmental proceedings against Dr. Rao and the separate gold smuggling case involving his stepdaughter — are independent legal processes.

MLC objects Rao's re-instatement

Mysuru, May 7 (GA&DM)- Strongly objecting to the State Government's action of revoking the suspension of senior IPS officer K. Ramachandra Rao, who was suspended four months ago after a sleaze video involving him went viral, MLC A.H. Vishwanath urged the Government to reconsider its decision in the better interests of public morality.


Vishwanath

Addressing the media persons at Jaladarshini Guest House here this morning, Vishwanath said Ramachandra Rao has a notorious past history.

"While serving as the IGP (Southern Range) in Mysuru over a decade ago, Ramachandra Rao had falsely filed a case against a Police Inspector in the Kerala private bus cash haul case, in which Rao had allegedly made good with Rs. 2 crore. Last year, Rao's step-daughter Ranya Rao was caught smuggling gold from the Gulf and was in jail for more than an year, after Rao made an unsuccessful attempt to save her from being arrested.

Following the incident, the State Government suspended Rao for wrongful conduct and subsequently was re-instated. More recently, a sleaze video of Rao went viral earlier this year, following which he was suspended again, after the FSL test confirmed that the man in the video was indeed the IPS officer.

Despite these notorious incidents involving Rao, the State Government has all of a sudden, revoked his suspension and reinstated him as DGP, which is shameful", the MLC said adding that the Government may have received a huge kickback for revoking Rao's suspension, just days before his retirement on superannuation.

Lashes out at Yediyurappa Abhimanotsava

Turning his ire on the State BJP holding 'B.S. Yediyurappa Abhimanotsava' at Chitradurga on May 9, marking the veteran BJP leader's 50 years of politics, Vishwanath questioned the propriety of holding such an event when Yediyurappa, who is also a former Chief Minister, is himself facing a POCSO case.

Maintaining that it is wrong on the part of the BJP to hold such a mega event just to hail the former CM, Vishwanath termed the two incidents (K. Ramachandra Rao and Yediyurappa) as black spots in the State's political history.

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DECODING MYTHOLOGY

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All about marriage, meaning and the Shiva-Shakti union

Shiva is described as an ascetic who is immortal and so, is not driven by any hunger or fear. He has no anxiety about death and no urgency to reproduce. He has no family line to continue, no ancestors whose debts he must repay, no estate that demands heirs. He owns nothing because he seeks nothing.

He is content and contentment frees him from the need to impress, accumulate or compete. This is why he can live on a snow-clad mountain of stone, smear his body with ash, knot his hair into matted locks, allow serpents to coil around his limbs and wander freely like a wild bull. Such a man does not need marriage. Why then would he marry and why would a woman choose him as a husband?

This question troubles Daksha Prajapati, the father of Vedic ritual order. For Daksha, society runs on participation, hierarchy and propriety. A man who refuses to engage with rituals, who rejects wealth and status, appears useless, even dangerous. Daksha cannot understand why his youngest daughter, Sati, insists on marrying Shiva. She walks away from her father's house in defiance, not as a submissive daughter but as a woman who knows her own desire. The conflict is not merely personal; it is ideological. It pits ritual order against spiritual freedom, social duty against inner conviction.

Daksha retaliates by performing a grand ritual to which he invites all his daughters and sons-in-law except Shiva. Shiva remains indifferent. Worldly slights do not disturb him. Sati, however, is trapped between an uncaring husband and a cruel father. Enraged by her humiliation and by her father's refusal to acknowledge her choice, she enters the sacrificial fire and offers her own body to her husband Shiva. This act shatters Shiva's stillness. The ascetic who had conquered desire now encounters grief. In rage he destroys Daksha's altar, the very foundation of ritual pride.

When the fury subsides, Shiva lifts Sati's corpse and wanders the world. As he walks, her body falls apart, piece by piece, across the landscape. These places become the Shakti Peethas, sites where grief turns into sacred geography.

The story is layered in time. Early narratives from 100 AD only speak of the clash between Shiva and Daksha. The full Sati story appears around 500 AD and the idea of the body fragmenting across India emerges after 1000 AD. Myth here is not fixed history but evolving memory, shaped by the needs of different ages.

Yet the most significant part of the story begins after death. Sati is reborn as Parvati, daughter of the mountains. This time she approaches Shiva not with defiance but with patience, devotion and argument. She asks a profound question. If Shiva is content and complete, does he care about the discontent of the world? Does one who seeks nothing have any role to play for those who yearn, crave and suffer? What about ghosts who long for rebirth, souls who cannot find the path to immortality unless someone shows it to them?

Shiva understands the logic. Detachment may bring personal peace, but it offers no solace to a restless world. This time the goddess does not go to the god; the god comes to the goddess. Shiva agrees to descend into life and marry Parvati. Yet he has no idea how to be a groom. He has no family elders, no ritual knowledge, no sense of social performance.

He arrives smeared with ash instead of sandalwood, with snakes instead of garlands, with ghosts instead of relatives and riding a bull instead of a wedding horse. The wedding dissolves into chaos and laughter. Humour becomes a tool to soften fear, reminding society that difference need not be threatening.

After marriage, Parvati gently domesticates Shiva. She introduces him to the petty rivalries, quarrels and negotiations of household life. She does not destroy his ascetic nature; she gives it direction. As Annapurna, she cooks food for the world. Shiva, who never eats, becomes the distributor of that food. Together they observe how insecurity, envy and pride ruin human relationships.

The marriage of Shiva and Shakti is not about property, lineage or inheritance. It is not about power, spectacle or display. It is about two individuals giving meaning to each other. One brings stillness, the other brings movement. One brings freedom, the other brings responsibility. Together they discover a larger purpose.

Marriage, in this story, is not an economic contract or a social performance. It is a shared decision to engage with the world and make it meaningful, together.

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V. Narayanrao Memorial Debate Contest held

Participating in debates boosts communication, analytical skills: Cardiologist Dr. G. Keshava Murthy

Mysuru, May 7 (VVH&DM)- Debates play a crucial role in enhancing the thinking capacity of students and help them analyse complex issues, said Brigadier Prof. (Dr.) G. Keshava Murthy, Senior Interventional Cardiologist.

He was speaking at the 'V. Narayanrao Memorial' 30th State-level Inter-Collegiate Kannada Debate Competition organised at The Anathalaya premises on N.S. Road recently. The topic of the debate was 'Excessive innovations in technology are responsible for today's global conflicts.'

"Participation in debates helps in skill enhancement, improves communication abilities and strengthens analytical thinking. It also builds public confidence," Dr. Keshava Murthy said.

Emphasising the importance of discipline, he noted that punctuality, discipline, studies and attitude shape an individual's personality. "Discipline builds confidence to face challenges. Hard work, dedication and intelligence are key to success. Students must be willing to sacrifice comforts during their academic years to acquire knowledge and achieve career growth," he added.

Highlighting opportunities in the armed forces, Dr. Keshava Murthy shared his experiences from a 34-year career in the Army and Air Force as a doctor. "I have been part of three wars, including the Kargil War and Operation Sindoor. My service in the armed forces has been a highly distinguished experience," he recalled.

In the competition, C.R. Devika of Vidyavardhaka Law College won the first prize, while R. Kusuma Bai, an M.Sc (Chemistry) student from Manasagangothri, secured the second prize. Medhini Bhat of Vidyashrama Degree College bagged the third prize while Vidya Vikas Law College bagged consolation prize.

The first prize carried a cash award of Rs. 8,000, followed by Rs. 5,000 for second prize and Rs. 3,000 for the third. Anathalaya President C.V. Gopinath, Vice-President N.V. Dinesh, Secretary Ashwathnarayan and others were present.

Soldier from Kodagu shoots self to death in Pulwama

Last rites performed at his native village

K.J. Naveen

Madikeri, May 7 (PS&KS)- A CRPF soldier from Kodagu, who was serving at Pulwama in South Kashmir, ended his life by shooting self to death with a gun on May 4.

The deceased is K.J. Naveen (40), son of Kijan Joyappa and Vishalakshi couple and a resident of Yadavare village in Virajpet taluk.

He is survived by his parents, wife, one daughter, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Details: Naveen, who was serving in the CRPF 108th battalion, had joined the paramilitary force in 2007. He had taken leave from Mar. 20 to Apr. 17 and had come to his native place. Though he was on leave till Apr. 17, a call for duty made him report to work on Apr. 2. After reporting to work, Naveen was deployed to Ladiyara Camp Watch Tower in Tral area of Pulwama district in Kashmir.

On May 4 at about 2 pm, Naveen is said to have shot himself in the neck with the service gun. Other CRPF personnel, who heard the gun shot, ran near the watch tower only to see Naveen lying in a pool of blood and immediately rushed him to the Military Hospital at Srinagar, where the doctors, who examined Naveen, declared him dead.

Jammu and Kashmir Police visited the spot, while CRPF officials informed Naveen's family members about the incident.

Post-mortem was conducted at the Military Hospital in Srinagar and the body was later shifted to the CRPF Office where officers and staff paid tributes to the coffin draped with the National Flag.

The body was later flown to the CRPF Office in Bengaluru, from where it was shifted to Kodagu.

The mortal remains arrived at Kushalnagar at about 1 am yesterday and was taken to his native place Yadavare village and kept there for the public to pay their last respects.

Last rites were performed at his farm land in the village in the afternoon.

Somwarpet Tahsildar Krishnamurthy was present. District Armed Reserve (DAR) Police personnel fired shots in the air as a mark of respect.

Teacher dies of heart attack during census

Ranganath

K.R.Nagar, May 7- In a tragic incident, a school teacher who was carrying out national population census, died of a heart attack while on duty at K.R. Nagar town yesterday.

C.K. Ranganath (53), an Associate teacher of Government Higher Primary school at Mullur in Hunsur taluk and a resident of K.R. Nagar town is the deceased.

He leaves behind his wife, a son, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Ranganath, set out for Census work on Wednesday morning at Kuvempu locality of the town, when he complained of severe chest pain. He was immediately rushed to K.R.Nagar General Hospital, where the doctors pronounced him dead.

Last rites were performed at his native village Chikkanayakanahalli in the taluk on the same evening.

Ganja consumption: Case registered against youth

Mysuru, May 7 (PM&KS)- Hebbal Police have registered a case against a youth on charges of consuming ganja and walking unsteadily.

The youth has been identified as 22-year-old N. Chandan Kumar, a resident of Subhashnagar in city.

Hebbal Police, who were on their regular patrolling, found Chandan talking loudly all alone and walking unsteadily, questioned him during which Chandan is said to have confessed to smoking ganja in a cigarette. Hebbal Police have registered a case.

Man goes missing

Ashokappa

Nanjangud, May 7 (KS)- A 51-year-old man, who left his house for work on Apr. 16, has since gone missing from Nanjangud Police limits.

The missing man is Ashokappa Lakkundi. He is 5.7 ft. tall, oval faced, oily red complexioned, normal built, has initials 'AL' tattooed on his left hand, speaks Kannada, Hindi and English and was wearing a grey coloured full arm shirt and black pants at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about the missing man may contact Nanjangud Police Station on Ph: 08221-228383 or 0821-2520040.

ASHA workers stage protest

ASHA workers staging protest at the premises of District Health and Family Welfare Department Office at Nazarbad in city recently.

Mysuru, May 7 (MTY&BS)- ASHA workers staged protest at the premises of District Health and Family Welfare Department Office at Nazarbad in the city recently, urging for the fulfilment of various demands including the payment of pending incentive.

In the protest led by Karnataka State Composite ASHA Workers Association State Vice-President M. Umadevi, the agitators demanded the immediate payment of pending three to four months arrears from the Centre, release of amount under various components pending for the past several years and payment of honorarium and incentives of several ASHA workers, that has been deducted.

The protesters demanded that the registration through Samastha App should be stopped, along with the harassment being meted out to ASHA workers, under the pretext of evaluation. The retired ASHA workers, should be given lumpsum amount and the service of ASHA Sugamakararu should be continued with adequate pay.

DHO Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy, who visited the protesters, assured to pay the incentives within 10 days, besides calling for a meeting to redress their grievances.

P.S. Sandhya, advisor G.S. Seema, District President Bhagyamma, office-bearers Komala, Savitha, Manila, Sudha, Manjula, Suneeth, Lakshmi, Leelavathi and others were present.

Obituary

Machamada Raju Machaiah

Mysuru, May 7 - Machamada Raju Machaiah (83), an ex-serviceman and a native of Nittur village, Balale in Ponnampet taluk of Kodagu district, passed away at a private hospital in Mysuru this morning.

A bachelor, he leaves behind a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill in city this afternoon, according to family sources.

Prabodh Ballal

Prabodh Ballal (48), a native of Krishnamurthypuram in Mysuru, who had settled in Bengaluru, passed away following brief illness at a private hospital in Bengaluru yesterday.

He leaves behind his mother Indra Ballal, wife Mamtha Ballal, sons Kushad Ballal and Nirav Ballal, younger brother Pramukh Ballal and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Hebbal Crematorium in Bengaluru this morning, according to family sources.

Prabodh Ballal was the son of late Sreenivasa Ballal, a well-known advocate in Mysuru. His grandfather Raghavendra Ballal was the owner of the then famous Ballal Hotel in city.

Akkamma

Akkamma (87), a resident of Bandikeri passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind four sons, two daughters, grandchildren, great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill, according to family sources.

WORD OF THE DAY

Orthography

Pronunciation: or-THAH-gruh-fee (noun).
Meaning: Orthography refers to the way in which the words of a language are spelled, or to the art of writing words with the proper letters according to standard usage.
Origin: The concept of orthography (a term that comes from the Greek words orthos, meaning "right or true," and graphein, meaning "to write") was not something that really concerned English speakers until the introduction of the printing press in England during the 15th century. From that point on, English spelling became progressively more uniform. Our orthography has been relatively stable since the 1755 publication of Samuel Johnson's A Dictionary of the English Language, with the notable exception of certain spelling reforms, such as the change of musick to music. Incidentally, many of these reforms were championed by Merriam-Webster's own Noah Webster.
Example: "Ormin, a medieval monk, sought to bring order to English orthography by addinng morre letterrs to worrds. August Thibaudin, a London professor, tried 9dding n3mbers. Our ideas for simplifying spelling have ranged from the rashonal to the redikulus to the döunnryt ubsërrd, and with each whimsical solution we seem to get further away from cognitive stability." — Gabe Henry, Enough is Enuf: Our Failed Attempts to Make English Eezier to Spell, 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Obstreperous

Noisy; unruly.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Off the hook

Meaning: When you are freed from an obligation, you're said to be 'off the hook.'
Origin: The origin of the phrase 'Off the hook' can be found in fishing; a fish on the hook has been caught and is considered to be out of options; it's trapped unless it is released. Just like a fish off the hook, someone who's "off the hook" has been released from obligations or commitments.
Example: "You're lucky; it turns out that Dad never heard you come in late last night." Answer: "Great, that means I'm off the hook!"

QUOTE BOX

Beauty without grace is the hook without bait. **—Ralph Waldo Emerson**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Beaten black and blue.

SUDOKU

			4		5			
		5		3		9		
2	4			8			5	3
	9						1	
1		3				7		2
	2						4	
6	3			5			8	7
		4		1		6		
			7		6			

Answer to previous puzzle

1	4	7	3	8	2	9	6	5
6	8	3	7	5	9	4	1	2
9	2	5	1	4	6	8	7	3
4	5	6	9	3	8	7	2	1
7	9	8	2	6	1	3	5	4
3	1	2	4	7	5	6	8	9
8	6	1	5	9	4	2	3	7
2	3	9	6	1	7	5	4	8
5	7	4	8	2	3	1	9	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Doubling of a cord
5 __ Hur: Oscar winning movie ?
8 Long journey
12 City in Odisha
13 Pitcherful maybe
14 Prefix with port
15 Minor display adjacent to a larger one
17 Attack bitterly
18 Routine course of action
19 Stiff or clumsy; expressionless?
21 Oak-tree fruit
24 Corridor into which rooms open
25 Sticking substance
26 Where you are
27 Spoil or damage
30 Decay
31 In a quiet voice; softly
32 Aerospace Industries Assoc.
33 Some promos
34 Author __ Blyton
35 Appends or joins
36 Leg joints
38 Lullaby word
39 Religious house
41 Not in good physical or mental health
42 Another word for 'fat'
43 Ballerina
48 Opposed
49 A river of Scotland
50 Talks noisily or foolishly
51 Leaning Tower's city
52 Path
53 Bench or pew

TUESDAY'S ANSWER

D	E	E		F	C	S			S	S	E	
U	R	N		L	A	T	A		W	A	K	E
B	E	T	T	E	R	E	D		I	W	I	N
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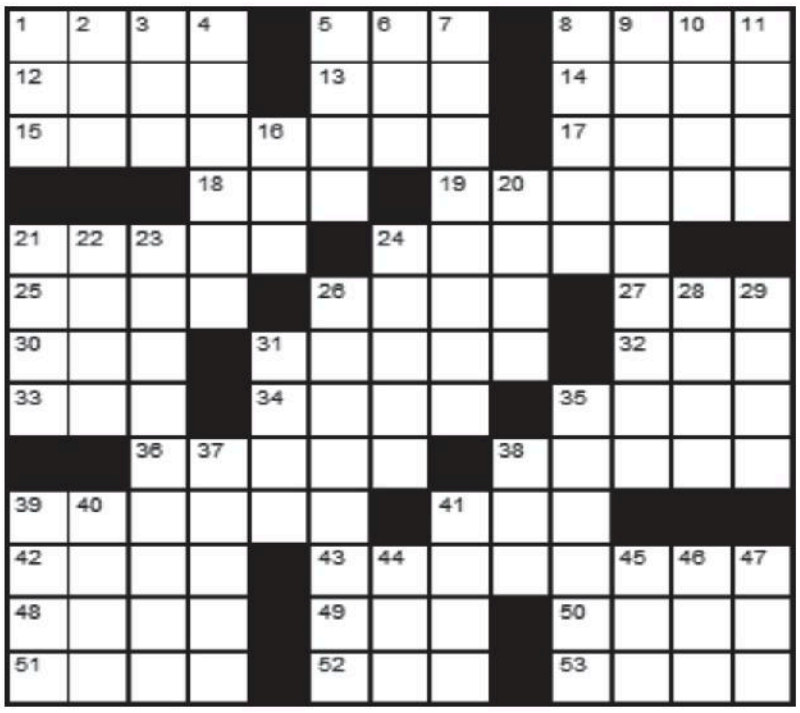
G	I	F	T			S	P	E	C	I	A	L
U	N	F	I	T				N	E	V	I	S
L	E	E	C	H	E	S			R	E	N	E
F	D	R		A	D	E	L	A	I	D	E	
			S	I	G	N	E	T	S			
I	D	E	E		E	S	O	T	E	R	I	C
C	L	A	W		D	E	N	A		C	O	O
Y	O	U				D	E	R		A	N	D

DOWN

1 Long playing records, in short
2 French assent
3 Fort near Monterey
4 French version of Peter's name
5 Currency unit of Thailand
6 "Rockaria!" band
7 Columbus's America? (3,5)
8 Pulsate
9 Off the shelf (5-4)
10 Nobelist Wiesel
11 Pottery oven
16 Centre of solar system
20 Follow orders
21 Taj Mahal site
22 Dork
23 Distant suburbs of a city
24 ___ Carroll : creator of Alice in Wonderland?
26 Variety of melon with sweet greenish flesh
28 Assistant
29 A coarse, rough instrument
31 Ogle
35 Narrow laneways
37 Girl's name
38 Satellite Landing Sys.
39 Movement of a bird's wings
40 Indian queen
41 Smudged with writing fluid
44 As mad __ _ hatter? (2,1)
45 United Arab Emirates, in short
46 Mineral spring - "sap" anagram ?
47 Superlative suffix



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

OVDI OCRCKNWD BNWN IWCFRNH IV SN ITN ITFRK

ITNQ OVDI HNDJFDN -- SAWNCALWCID.

TODAY'S CLUE: K EQUALS G

Tuesday's Cryptoquip: Principles have no real force except when one is well-fed.

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  KD: The Devil (K) - 4 Shows
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  Mark (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** Ph: 2423554
  Patriot (Ma) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** Mob: 98863-25207
  Dacoit (H) - 3 Shows

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KD: The Devil (K)	(S-1)	10.10 am, 1.10 pm
		4.10 pm, 7.05 pm
		10.05
Ek Din (H)	(S-2)	10.25 am, 7.30 pm
Kara (Ta)	(S-2)	1 pm, 4.15 pm
Michael (E)	(S-2)	10.15 pm
	(S-3)	10.35 am
	(S-4)	1.15 pm, 4 pm
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (E)	(S-3)	1.20 pm, 7.40 pm
Raja Shivaji (H)	(S-3)	3.50 pm, 10.10 pm
Patriot (Ma)	(S-4)	9.40 am, 6.45 pm
		10.20 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

KD: The Devil (K)	:	10 am, 1 pm
		3.50 pm, 6.40 pm
		9.30 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	1 pm
Patriot (Ma)	:	1.45 pm, 6 pm, 9.30 pm
Raja Shivaji (H)	:	3.10 pm, 9.45 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (K)	:	4 pm, 8.30 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

KD: The Devil (K)	:	9.30 am, 10.30 am, 12:25 pm
		1.25 pm, 4.20 pm, 6.15 pm
		7.15 pm, 9.10 pm, 10.10 pm
Ek Din (H)	:	10.40 am, 1.50 pm, 7.50 pm
Lee Cronin's The Mummy (E)	:	11.05 am
Michael (E)	:	12 noon, 3.20 pm, 10.10 pm
Patriot (Ma)	:	12.15 pm, 4 pm
		6.35 pm, 10.15 pm
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (E)	:	1.20 pm, 7.35 pm
Raja Shivaji (H)	:	2.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Kara (Ta)	:	3.50 pm, 7.05 pm, 10.20 pm
Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	4.30 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

KD: The Devil (K)	:	9.20 am, 9.55 am, 12.15 pm
		12.50 pm, 3.10 pm, 6.05 pm
		7.20 pm, 9 pm
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (E)	:	9.50 am, 4.25 pm
Kara (Ta)	:	9.55 am, 1.10 pm
		7.05 pm, 10.20 pm
Patriot (Ma)	:	12.30 pm, 3.45 pm, 10.15 pm
Ek Din (H)	:	4.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Raja Shivaji (H)	:	6.40 pm

YUVA Job Fair-2026 powers youth employment in Mysuru

Mysuru, May 7- In a significant push to youth employment, Young Indians (Yi) Mysuru, in collaboration with JSS Science and Technology University (JSS STU), recently hosted the YUVA Job Fair-2026 at the SJCE campus, drawing an overwhelming response from job-seekers and recruiters.

The day-long event brought together over 55 reputed companies from Mysuru and surrounding regions, collectively offering over 5,000 job opportunities across diverse sectors.

Thousands of aspirants from five districts — Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar, Hassan and Kodagu — participated, making it one of the largest recruitment drives in the region.

Candidates from varied academic backgrounds, including Engineering, MBA, Commerce, Arts, Hospitality, Paramedical streams, as well as Diploma and ITI trades, actively engaged in the hiring process.

Many were shortlisted through on-the-spot interviews, while others were considered for future roles.

A standout feature of the fair was its emphasis on inclusive hiring. Special provisions were introduced to support Persons with Disabilities (PwD) and women re-entering the workforce after career breaks. Dedicated help desks and sensitised recruiters ensured meaningful participation, reflecting a strong commitment to equitable opportunities.

The event also served as a vital bridge between academia and industry, offering candidates insights into corporate expectations while helping employers access skilled talent. Organisers noted that the initiative aligns with a broader vision to empower youth through sustainable career pathways and support regional industries.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. A.N. Santosh Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of JSS STU, highlighted that such initiatives reduce the need for youth to migrate to larger cities for jobs.

Utsav Agarwal, Chairman of CII Mysuru, emphasised the vast network of industries associated with CII and the value of experience in MSMEs.

Priyanka Sridhar, Chair of Yi Mysuru, termed the response overwhelming and expressed hope to make the job fair an annual event.

EVENTS TODAY (MAY 7)

- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Srimad Bhagavad Gita' in Kannada, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana:** Ramsons Kreedaa Kaushalya - 11th biennial of traditional board games of India, Ramsons Bombe Mane, Nazarbad, **10 am to 7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAY 8)

- **Charaka Women's Multipurpose Industrial Co-operative Society:** Three-day expo-cum-sale of natural colour pure cotton handloom products, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji inaugurates, Mysuru Book Clubs Charitable Trust Founder Shubha Sanjay Urs, chief guest. Charaka Founder & Theatre Artiste Prasanna, will be present, Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC), Vijayanagar, **12 noon. [The expo will be open from 10.30 am to 7.30 pm]**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Kara (Ta)	:	9.30 am, 3.30 pm, 10.20 pm
Patriot (Ma)	:	9.30 am, 4 pm, 6.45 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	:	9.50 am, 12.45 pm, 1.05 pm
		3.40 pm, 6.35 pm, 7.35 pm
	:	9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (E)	:	10.30 am, 4.55 pm
Ek Din (H)	:	12.50 pm, 7.35 pm
Raja Shivaji (H)	:	1.05 pm, 10:20 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Kara (Ta)	:	9 am, 12.15 pm, 7.05 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	:	9.10 am, 10.20 am, 12.05 pm
		1.15 pm, 4.10 pm, 4.55 pm
		6.50 pm, 7.05 pm, 10 pm
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (E)	:	10.40 am, 7.50 pm
Patriot (Ma)	:	1.20 pm, 3.30 pm
		9.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Raja Shivaji (H)	:	3 pm, 10.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

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TODAY'S MATCH MAY 7

LSG Vs **RCB**
Ekana Cricket Stadium, Lucknow, **7.30 pm**

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